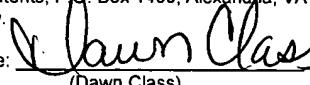




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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

An Office Action was mailed on August 23, 2006 providing a three-month period for filing a response. Applicants are concurrently petitioning for a two-month extension of time, extending the deadline to January 23, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed within the extended period.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.